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UMP Team Takes Title

ST. FRANCIS DROPPED BY SULLIVAN'S HOOPSTERS 66-58

UMP won the Western Maine Small College Conference basketball crown by defeating St. Francis College of Biddeford 66-58 at the Student Memorial Activity Center at Nasson College. Each team hit 22 baskets from the floor, and UMP won the game at the foul line, hitting for 22 of 30 tries while St. Francis got 14 of 21.

Down one point at the end of the half, 31-32, UMP took command of the game with five minutes gone of the second half.

UMP center Bill Weatherbee kept St. Francis center Hank Rojas under control throughout the contest. The usually high-scoring Rojas could manage only six points in the game — leaving only St. Francis forward Tom Murphy as a scoring threat. Murphy and Doug Stone of UMP tied for scoring honors with 19 points each.

St. Francis went into a man-to-man in the final ten minutes, but UMP proceeded to work the ball for good shots, seldom missing on tries from in close, plus collecting from the foul line. St. Francis was held to shots from medium range by the sagging zone defense.

St. Francis closed to within five points with two minutes to go, but committed fouls that UMP players sank to make the final eight point difference.

The floor work of UMP guards Dick Whitmore and Nat Crowley was outstanding, and rebounding was fairly evenly spread between members of both clubs with centers Weatherbee and Rojas having a slight edge.

Following Stone in scoring for UMP was Weatherbee with 16 points; Whitmore with 15 points; and Pete Cooper with 12. Throughout the contest it was a team effort for the UMP club, with each player having his moment of glory. The game was the last one for UMP and ended their Conference record at 7 wins and two losses.

Openings On Campus Staff

The chair at the desk behind the rail in the UMP Campus office will be vacant next fall as the Editor moves to Orono for his Junior year. The Business Manager, Circulation Manager, Sports Editor, and all but one of the writers are also moving North. These positions will have to be filled, and anyone with a trace of printer's ink in his blood is urged to make himself known to one of the staff or the adviser. An opportunity to view the internal workings of the paper will be given to any interested party.

"Open Heart" On Local TV

Television station WCSH-TV recently took the giant step in better programming with an excellent presentation of an open heart operation, filmed at the Maine Medical Center. The hour-long film kept thousands of local viewers on the edge of their seats, as the first televised offering of this type got under way. Narrated by Larry Geraghty and Henry Magnuson, the film described in tasteful detail the innermost workings of a tense, delicately performed heart operation. Although heart disease is the number-one killer in this country, the film stressed the tools now in use with which doctors throughout the country are being aided in their constant fight against this dreaded killer. UMP congratulates our television neighbors for their enlightening project. Well Done!

Israeli Official Speaks at UMP



Mr. Yuri Gordon, second secretary of the Israeli embassy, personal assistant to the Israeli ambassador to the United States, spoke recently to the students at UMP.

Mr. Gordon, recently graduated from the Hebrew University in Israel,

told the group that Israel's greatest preoccupation is the absorption of immigration which has jumped from 600,000 to two million.

Israel's goal is complete fusion of these immigrants, the majority of whom, coming from underdeveloped Middle-Eastern countries, have to be completely acclimated to twentieth-century Israel.

Hebrew is the national language of the country which gives the people "access to treasures of the past".

"We have our feet in the past and our eyes on the horizon of the future," said Mr. Gordon. "We are preparing for the future when atomic power is a reality."

"The Arabs have been waging a war of limited liability, and economic struggle rather than a real war. The present tension serves Egypt, by allowing her to play 'big brother' to the rest of the Arab world, but we will never have a real war because their defeat would be assured.

"Eventually", concluded Mr. Gordon, "the Arabs will realize that military armament is a waste and begin to worry about their children. This will be a turning point and we will have a common ground."

Non-Vets Take Notice

Legal Way To Beat Draft Apply For Your SSCQ Test

Applications for the April 28, 1960 administration of the College Qualification Test are now available at Selective Service System local boards throughout the country.

Eligible students who intend to take

this test should apply at once to the nearest Selective Service local board for an application and a bulletin of information.

Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his ap-

plication and mail it immediately in the envelope provided to SELECTIVE SERVICE EXAMINING SECTION, Education Testing Service, P. O. Box 586, Princeton, New Jersey. Applications for the April 28 test must be postmarked no later than midnight, April 7, 1960.

According to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test for the Selective Service System, it will be greatly to the student's advantage to file his application at once. The results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student.

Kafeteria Kapers

"MAN, DO WE GET LETTERS!"

To the Editor;
Dear Sir,

In your "Grease Pit" column in the last issue of the "Campus" you stated that the Renault's torque, even in high gear makes the Volkswagen look sick. I say that there is absolutely nothing about the Renault that makes the VW look sick. The proof is in the pudding. I, therefore, challenge you to a Ghym Khana or any other test of performance you may choose. If the Renault proves to "make the VW look sick", I will write a letter of apology; if not, or if you refuse this challenge I will expect an apology from you.

A short note on your reply to "Dear Abby". The student in question is known personally by me. He is an extremely normal person. His actions are only the result of typical frustrations engendered often in the male by the female. I believe the answer to the problem is evident in the first paragraph of "Bewildered's" letter. In view of the fact that she is neither stacked nor very pretty, perhaps she should "neck" promiscuously.

Now on a more serious problem. The Blood Bank proposed by individuals unknown to me is a tremendous idea and I think they should be commended highly for it. There is however a fly in the ointment. I would like the hospital involved to explain how it can possibly spend eleven dollars on equipment it already owns and how it can possibly spend eleven dollars on one hours work by a fifty dollar a week technician. It seems to me that certain branches of the medical profession could give a little more of that charity they are continually demanding instead of profiting at every turn of the hand. It is situations like this that give the profession a bad name and will eventually drive this country to socialized medicine. Any person or organization who will play on humanity's fear of the unknown in order to fill its own coffers, deserves to be replaced.

Russ Edwards, Jr.

Editor Eastman:

I think that Chris Smith deserves a "well done" for this year's Winter Carnival. With a minimum of help he made the program run smoothly. I do hope, however, that the Student Council will have our campus as the center of next year's carnival, regard-

less of limited facilities. I also hope that more people will take advantage of this event, which they will find well worth the money. Let's make next year's event even more successful than this year's. At any rate, well done, Chris.

Gary Worthley

Mr. Greasey Paws;

What do you mean cars are designed for women? I've yet to see a car that a woman can get into comfortably with a dress on. The things are too big to park and uncomfortable to ride in.

If there is a car designed for women, please let me know because I want to buy it.

Lady Driver

Mr. Grease Pit,

I wish you would write an article on mechanical brakes. I think cars should still have them because the ones they have now almost put you through the windshield when you put them on. I think it's better to stop gradually.

Model A Lover

Mr. Greasy Paw,

You're crazy! You've said a lot of stupid things, but last month's was the worst.

Our '60 cars are about the nicest things and are everything but unsafe. By the way, didn't I see you driving a '60 Chevy the other day?

Mr. Pickapart

Editor Eastman;

How come there's never anything about Hiram in the newspaper?

Are you afraid to print it?

A UMP Student

Editor Eastman:

Student apathy can be readily traced to paternalism in our society on campus. The student enters college with the idea that he is going to prepare himself for an academic or professional future. He anticipates a new world of intellectual freedom, exploration and idealism. Instead he meets pater-nity, economic exploitation and the confusion of disorganization. Inexperienced, he waits for an opportunity to contribute while at the same time he witnesses "the struggle of not very many". He fails to grasp why he's not allowed to do this and that. He feels like a child again protected by the

myriad of rules and regulations — and an individual or two in a position to interpret them. He is perplexed by the efforts of the administration to encourage thought at one moment and discourage it the next. He finds himself in the hands of a few ambitious, vindictive and selfish people who will threaten him (as they do others) if he should try to speak. He recalls the remarks of the public "those kids don't know what they are talking about; they are still wet behind the ears". In other words the student isn't apathetic; he is afraid. Afraid of what his friends will think; he's afraid of what the administration will think; he's afraid of what his parents will think, and he's afraid of what society and his future employers will think. He finds his environment dominated by a creed: "preserve the status quo" and "leave well enough alone", "Play basketball and you'll go places in life." This is not apathy; this is suppression! What has caused Hiram to remain anonymous? Why do the most invigorating and entertaining conversations take place in the halls and secluded places? Why have students taken to their private homes to discuss the various situations? How much do students confide in their instructors? If the leaders and administrators do not have the courage to assert themselves, how can the growing student be expected to?

A Nonnie Mouse

Editor Eastman:

The Republican Party is starting to skid! This seems evident from the events that have taken place in the past week. I am thinking specifically of articles in the Portland Evening Express dated Mar. 16 and Mar. 17, 1960. In one article it was made known that a certain active and prominent Republican had resigned from that party and joined the Democratic Party. The article on Mar. 17, 1960 stated that a Republican City Committee chairman had resigned from the Republican Party and would not comment on rumors that he plans to join the Democratic Party.

I believe that these are very healthy signs, the healthiest ones this state has had for years. It gives us an indication that some Republicans have lost faith in the Republican Party. The Republicans have been in control for so long that many of them have become complacent concerning their duties to the populace of the state.

Many of our youth have been leaving Maine since the war, and many reasons have been given. Some say that they have no future here, others say that they can do better in the Midwest or on the West Coast. It has become evident that we are drawing less and less tourists each year. A large majority of our college graduates are leaving this state each year because of higher wages and greater advancement attraction.

It is about time the two party system was reincarnated in the state

Piece Policy For 1960

ABROAD:

A SIX POINT PROGRAM

1. Place a stock pile of "H" bombs on the Sinai desert (unguarded).
2. Give Guantanamo back to Cuba.
3. Secretly launch satellites and then forget about them.
4. Park submarines in South American bays without bothering to tell officials.
5. Encourage more German bases in Spain and Atom tests in Algeria by the French.
6. Call back our ambassador from India and send him to Red China.

AT HOME:

A SIX POINT PROGRAM

1. Elect Bishop Sheen president.
2. Encourage more farm production.
3. Import more foreign cars.
4. Have mandatory intra-racial marriage laws.
5. Adopt an Aristotlean philosophy of education.
6. Give the U. S. back to the Indians (Cleveland).

ON THE CAMPUS:

1. Hang Hiram!
2. Have another Winter Carnival.
3. Have two yearbooks.
4. Encourage more apathy.
5. Issue footstools for the instructors.
6. Disband the Parliamentarian club.

Co-president

Amalgamated Co-operatives for the Propagation of Brotherhood and Togetherness, Inc.

Porgy and Bess

When DuBose Heyward, a poet and short-story writer in Charleston, read in his local newspaper that Samuel Smalls had been arrested on suspicion of murder, it started a chain of events that culminated in the musical hit, "Porgy and Bess" which comes to the Empire Theatre on Friday, March 25th under the banner of Samuel Goldwyn.

Samuel Smalls was a well-known figure to the citizens of Charleston in the early twenties. He was a crippled, Negro beggar who was drawn through the streets of the old city by an evil smelling goat, dragging a rickety cart fashioned from a crate which still bore the faded and somewhat contradictory legend "fragrant soap." The gentry of Charleston were wont to toss Samuel a few coins daily, only to be rewarded by a dignified nod of his head. The actual reasons for Smalls' arrest, and the conditions under which he was exonerated, are lost to history, or else they are buried in the city archives of Charleston. But the event was sufficient to fire the imagination of DuBose Heyward who wrote the best-selling novel "Porgy."

"Porgy" was later dramatized by Heyward and his wife, Dorothy, and still later musicalized by George and Ira Gershwin. After a fabulous history on the stage, it now becomes a fabulous motion picture produced by Samuel Goldwyn.

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The Facts On Smoking

Smoking is a conformist custom practiced by people who are afraid of being called "square".

Smoking is an addiction, not a pleasure. There is nothing tasteful about the "weed" even when saturated with menthol.

Smoking is not conducive to good health; it probably does cause cancer, but most people would risk rotting to death rather than give up their "crutch".

Even the most avid smoker of any intelligence whatsoever will have to admit that the time has come when the high social status of smoking, which has been built by the high pressure advertising of the tobacco companies, should be degraded to the low position it so rightly deserves.

Maybe then some of our stronger willed citizens will get up courage enough to "break the hot cigarette habit" and start breathing good clean Maine air again.

The Right To Dissent

Editor's Note: While sitting in on the March 15 meeting of the Parliamentarians, I witnessed a fiery discussion on whether the aims of the club were being fulfilled or not. The following speech by John Thurston impressed me and I decided to print it.

It is with somewhat mixed emotions that I find myself classified as belonging to the campus dissenters, negativists, radicals, or whatever appropriate title has been "caste" their way. I want to dispel all ignorance of my position now — I am not saying that I am not a dissenter. In fact, I am indeed happy and proud to live in a country where the right to dissent is embodied in a basic law — I wish it were more honored in practice.

Poll Opposes NDEA Affidavit

A poll taken of the students attending an open discussion affidavit of the National Defense Education Act at a meeting of the Parliamentarian Club, revealed an overwhelming majority opposed to it. The poll was taken after a discussion in which feelings on both sides of the subject were presented.

A reporter from the Portland Evening Express covered the event and later quizzed President Elliot on his position.

The Parliamentarians are one of the most active groups on campus, and they and their adviser, Mr. Thurlow, are to be congratulated on their intellectual activity.

This is a right, a right essential to any concept of dignity and freedom of the individual. It is essential to the search for truth in a world wherein no authority is infallible.

Every dissenter who is worth his salt — better, every dissenter who wants to be numbered among the salt of the earth — is primarily concerned about some positive value that he wants not only to assert himself, but to recommend to others, and it is fitting that he is to be judged by that value.

Angry men, young and old, have no great value to themselves, much less to society, if you are merely angry objectors to the "commisars" or the ideas of their times, while it is a wholesome sign of our time that the "Beatnik", the "Zen", the Existentialist, and the "School of Unthink" are tolerated. But, it is an unwholesome sign that they are applauded, lauded, and lifted shoulder high, even by the most conventional and conformist of men and women.

The question on the floor is not loyalty; the question is not discrimination; the real question is this — are we prostituting the Parliamentarian club and its aims to the point where it may outgrow our power of wise control — where the price of error by accident or design may be harmful to ourselves.

We need dissenters, who will waken us from our deadening conformity, but in such a situation they need to offer more than criticism.

Such dissenters, I dare hope, will fare better in America than did the great philosopher, Socrates, in his beloved Athens.

Spring Is Here

Spring is here.

The sun climbs higher and stays longer everyday melting the snow, warming the air and earth. The sap begins to move up the xylem of the trees; the bulbs use stored energy to push their green sprouts up through the damp soil on the sunny sides of our houses; the birds make known their presence by their cheerful calls, while squirrels search for acorns stored last fall.

The call of spring wakes dormant spirit in the breasts of Natures creatures. Dogs and cats leave home and ancient cow and horse are call and colt again with scent of intoxicating spring.

Little boys seek out their marble hoards, and little girls their jumping ropes while older ones go arm in arm beneath unfolding maple buds. On college level, spirit wakes — not just to love but higher things of life.

The law, the code, the prejudice of older men — spared not by young men with the urge to cleanse this wicked world of bad.

Spring is here.

Philosophy of "Quietism"

Art Meyer

Recently another student and I were discussing some theories of politics and general philosophic concepts. We quite naturally digressed to personal opinions, and it is here that I gained a great respect for my companion.

Here was the first student I have met who actually can say, "I know what I am, and I accept it with peace of mind." The most wonderful aspect of this particular individual's stand is this: it could be nothing but an honest opinion because his is a philosophy of "quietism". This belief, held by a young man and fully realized, could only be honest. And for this honesty, which I fully believe to be infrequently found, my respect of the individual has grown tremendously.

"Quietism", as I understand it, is that state of mind in which a person is aware of problems, alert to possible solutions, critical of all suggestions offered — and that is all. After building up an active interest the individual says, "So what? There is nothing I can do about the problem and, in fact, life is too short for me to attempt an actual improvement of any kind."

I believe in progress; I believe in change; I'll watch the process evolve but I will not become involved in it myself." This in a form of today's anxious but not excited philosophy. It is a philosophy of existence and perhaps best expressed as resulting in the negative feeling of being unable to bring about tangible or concrete change. This is a form of today's existentialism, which has been exerting a powerful influence among the modern philosophers. (There are also positive concepts of existentialism; as well as Atheistic and Christian philosophers of existence.)

It is said by some that this philosophy is representative of a large segment of today's society. I am wondering if it is representative of today's students? Are we lost in a world of overbearing social, economic, and political problems? Are we defeated before we start because our lives are so short? Are we the Lost Anxious Young Men, or the Angry Young Men of Positive Action? Is it also true, as stated by prominent Marxist philosopher M. Naville: "...and the only positive position that we know of is Marxism?"

Afterthoughts by Doug Saunders

As students attending a college that is so heavily supported by funds allocated from the state legislature, we oftentimes find ourselves in somewhat of a precarious position. We must, because of reality, be careful of what we say in regards to situations and conditions not only of the University, but civic affairs as well. Bluntly, we must take care and taste in what we say and write, lest we risk displeasure from those who are in the position of aiding in school support financially.

It is unfortunate that the problem is a real one. For it could possibly lead to an atmosphere of intellectual repression. I repeat, it could. As students, we are the most important factor in making this land-grant college what it is. Because of this fact, we must keep in mind that we do have a responsibility to maintain and adopt within ourselves the administrative policies of our University. However, this does not mean that we as students may not "speak our piece" in matters we believe to involve ourselves, and our future in this potentially-high State of Maine. When we lose our rights as students, much less as voters and tax-payers, to speak and write as we feel, then we and our children must hide. Whether imagined or real, there is a feeling of intellectual discontent among several students at this time.

No one person or group of persons

is more important to this branch of our University than is the individual student himself. The greatest contribution to this school any student could make, is to make himself known. Read with care the word "known" I have used.

This is the time when a young man can be an individual. But there must be some form of temperance standing beside the individual. And this temperance must be supplied by the individual student himself. We must never make the mistake of feeling sorry for ourselves if no one seems to listen to what we have to say. If what we believe is honest and true, wiser souls than ours will hear us, and agree that at least we are trying.

Let's stop beating the word "apathy" to death. The mere fact that there has been so much talk about apathy, proves that we are not apathetic. It is to our credit that we have the awareness to see the dangers of apathy. Finally, the most important thing is that we do not limit ourselves to talk alone. Let's investigate before we condemn. We all want progress. It does not come easily, because it is really worth something. So to all you disheartened individuals, including myself, let's begin to do some honest thinking; at the same time, we can take the time to thank God that we live in the free land that we do. Otherwise, how in hell could I write this column?

GREASE PIT

With DEL EASTMAN

"New License Laws Needed"

The pampered public has gotten the idea that in this democracy of ours, it is their natural-born right to drive, whenever, however and wherever they please. What they've forgotten is that in a democracy you have the freedom to do whatever you want as long as you don't infringe on the freedom of the other people.

Allowing incapable drivers to operate cars on our public highways certainly infringes on the other peoples' right to live out their natural lives.

The American highways have about reached their saturation point anyway, and legislation to limit the number of drivers will have to come.

The logical method of doing this would be to issue operators licenses only to persons who are physically and mentally able. This would eliminate thousands of our present drivers and thousands of accidents.

There will be opposition to this, of course, from the people ("Why I've been driving since 1908 and I can drive as well as anyone.") the politicians ("We'll lose votes."), and the Auto Manufacturers ("Car sales will drop!"), but the Transportation Companies will be all for it ("We'll make money!").

Eventually though, the public will decide they'd rather live to be 65 than drive, and then we'll have laws which

will keep the tottering old men, ignorant old ladies, stupid little kids, staggering drunks, the deaf, blind and crippled off the road.

Until next month when I return with more on safety, (if I survive the blows I will surely get from the bottles, umbrellas, white canes and crutches of our local drivers), this is ol' greasy paws his'self saying, "Maybe if you practice real hard, Bunky, you'll be good enough to drive by the time they pass the new license laws."

Winter Carnival

UMP's 1960 Winter Carnival was a huge success in spite of the storm which forced cancellation of the snow sculpture contest and made driving hazardous on the night of the Carnival Ball at the Eastland Ballroom.

The Sunday Outing at the Pulpodock Club drew the largest crowd and tremendous amounts of hot dogs and hamburgers disappeared.

The Student Council deserves a great deal of credit for the fine job of planning the '60 Carnival, the finest in the history of UMP.

Complete photographic coverage of the Carnival will be featured in the 1960 Umpire, UMP's yearbook.

Panthers Lead Intramurals

The Panthers gained undisputed possession of first place in the Intramural League by defeating a strong but cold Pa's Boys March 14. 53-43. It was a close contest all the way with Pa's Boys having a slight advantage almost throughout. Actually it was a case of one team getting hot and the other team getting cold. Pa's Boys did close to within 3 points with over a minute remaining but could not get any closer to the determined Panthers. The Panthers were led by Fancy who ended up with a total of 17 points, followed on the Panther team by Daly and Sinclair who ended with a combined total of 14. Pa's Boys were led by Jack Morris who was the League's top scorer, with a total of 13 points, followed on his team by Small who totaled 12 points.

It has been a tough and successful season with Pa's Boys scoring 114 points against the Tigers, with 47, a tough game between the 60'ers and Pa's Boys and several other top notch games. Among a few of the stars participating in the league are Pa's Boys, "Coolie" Osgood, Dick Goff, Morris, Smith, Small, Harmon, and Skillins; the 69'ers, Bill Whitmore, Art Lekousi, Bob Bowler, Bourque, Jenks, and Moran; the Panthers, Fancy, Tibbets, Sinclair, Daly, Beckwith, Dow, and Record, just to mention a few of the total of almost half of the student body participating in the League. It promises to be a tough

fight right down to the wire with four teams capable of winning the title.

Circle K

Circle K members have been spending a lot of their time lately at Westbrook Junior College. They are practicing for a minstrel show which is to take place in April. The theme of the show is the popular beatnik.

Monday, March 14th was the beginning of the beard growing contest for the annual Beavers' Ball. A number of clean shaven students signed up with president Dick Goan for the no shaving period which is to last about 45 days. The only disappointment occurred when the wife of would-be contestant Lloyd York wouldn't allow him to shave off his already full beard in order to enter the contest clean shaven. It seems she couldn't remember what he looked like without it and didn't want to take any chances.

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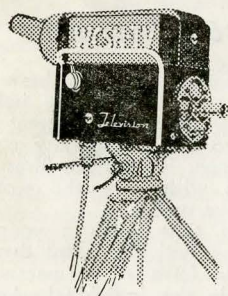
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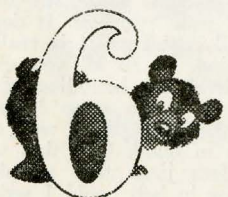
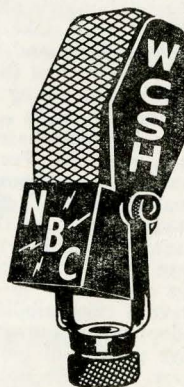
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